

NOT VOTING—45

Alexander	Gallego	McCaul
Amodei	Gingrey (GA)	McDermott
Benishkek	Gohmert	McKeon
Bishop (GA)	Grijalva	Palazzo
Blackburn	Hartzler	Pastor (AZ)
Brown (FL)	Heck (WA)	Pingree (ME)
Capuano	Hensarling	Rohrabacher
Cárdenas	Herrera Beutler	Rush
Cartwright	Huelskamp	Sanchez, Loretta
Cassidy	Johnson, Sam	Schiff
Clyburn	Kingston	Sires
Cole	Larsen (WA)	Thompson (MS)
Cramer	Lynch	Tsongas
Diaz-Balart	Marchant	Waters
Doggett	Markey	Young (AK)

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 163 on approving the Journal, I mistakenly recorded my vote as "yea" when I should have voted "no."

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to give notice of a question of the privileges of the House pursuant to rule IX.

The form of my resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives shall not consider H.R. 3, the "Northern Route Approval Act" because: (1) it violates Rule XXI of the House, and (2) it affects the dignity and integrity of the proceedings of the House since it is unconstitutional.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RICE of South Carolina). Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the unnumbered resolution noticed by the gentleman from Florida will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

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WE NEED THE KEYSTONE PIPELINE

(Mrs. CAPITO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, this Wednesday, the House will vote to approve the Keystone XL pipeline. This vote will come after more than 1,700 days since the application for the project was filed. Despite the outpouring of support from the American people, the President continues to

delay the approval of the Keystone pipeline, which would directly create 20,000 jobs and lead to \$7 billion in spending. The President keeps dragging his feet.

Business and labor organizations have joined together to support the Keystone project because it will bring jobs to American workers. West Virginians support the Keystone pipeline. The permitting delay that is standing in the way of the Keystone project demonstrates that this administration and its environmental agenda will put everything ahead of our Nation's economy and jobs for working Americans.

Mr. Speaker, an energy economy is a jobs economy, and I hope my colleagues will join me in fighting back against the administration's anti-energy agenda. Passing H.R. 3 would mean more American jobs and move us closer towards energy independence.

STUDENT LOANS

(Mr. SWALWELL of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, student loan debt in the United States now exceeds \$1 trillion, higher than our country's total credit card debt; and unless Congress acts, on July 1, Federal student loans will double, rising from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent. This increase in student loan rates would be unbearable for many undergraduate students and future students. It also will keep them out of the middle class.

The middle class as we know right now is shrinking. If you're in the middle class today, you're making approximately \$5,000 less than you were 10 years ago, and you have nearly \$25,000 more in personal debt. Access to education powers the innovation economy and will increase and grow our middle class. Unfortunately, H.R. 1911, the Republican student loan plan to come to the floor this week, will only make college more expensive. The Republican's Make College More Expensive Plan will make loan rates variable, going as high as 8.5 percent. Their plan essentially will build a great wall around our middle class.

We must deal with the student loan crisis now. Instead of increasing student loan rates for students, Congress should be helping students by keeping student loan rates low and increasing the student loan rate interest deduction. Let's tear down this wall that will keep our students from the middle class and not increase the student loan rate.

LOWER LEVEL OPERATIVES BLAMED

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Benghazi bungled—propagandacrats misled citi-

zens—change talking points 12 times. People die. White House denies knowledge. Lower-level operatives blamed.

IRS intimidates, targets, and audits conservative opposition groups. White House denies knowledge. Lower-level operatives blamed.

Government snoopers secretly seize phone records of 100 journalists to locate their sources. White House denies knowledge. Lower-level operatives blamed.

AFT smuggles guns to Mexican drug lords. White House denies knowledge. Attorney General held in contempt of Congress for with "holdering" evidence. Lower-level operatives blamed.

Meanwhile, the President self-righteously proclaims citizens should trust his government. Americans distrust and fear government, especially the "Infernal Revenue Service," because the President professes ignorance of actions of lower-level malcontents, then doesn't adequately hold them accountable. Heads need to roll. People need to be fired. Others need to go to the jailhouse. That's what Americans expect of the so-called most transparent administration in history. Then this administration that is incredible with words can earn credibility with its deeds.

And that's just the way it is.

SAFE CLIMATE CAUCUS

(Mr. CLEAVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, while the public is split 50–50 on whether the science of climate change is settled, there is overwhelming agreement—over 97 percent—among climate scientists that the human activity of this Earth is causing climate change.

Imagine if we compare that percentage to the medical field. If 97 percent of 100 doctors told you that you have cancer, would you refuse to take treatment?

Whether one believes that humans are contributing to climate change is in some ways irrelevant because we are certainly paying for its effect. The Federal Government spent \$96 billion in 2012 to clean up after extreme weather events. That's nearly three times the amount paid by private insurers. That is more than we spend on transportation or education.

Though many have yet to embrace the facts that climate research has found, we must take action to mitigate these growing costs. As Ben Franklin once said: an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

SEVERE TORNADOES HIT OKLAHOMA

(Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma.